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1. NEW EFFORTS TO SEAT PEIPING IN UN SPECIALIZED
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The beginning of a major effort to admit Communist China to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will take place during the meeting of the Asian national commissions of the organization in Tokyo between 28 February and 3 March,

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Meanwhile, the American consul general in Geneva reports persistent rumors that Communist China's legation in Bern is sounding out officials of the International Labor Organization (ILO) to determine its attitude toward unseating Nationalist China in favor of Peiping at a conference scheduled to convene on 6 June.

Comment

Persistent efforts have been made since 1950 to seat Peiping in place of Taipei in the UN specialized agencies. There is a growing interest in the UN in settling the Chinese representation problem, especially since Taipei's adamant stand last month on the UN membership issue.

Membership in the specialized agencies is not contingent on UN membership. These agencies have the authority to seat Peiping in place of Taipei if a majority of their members so desire. UNESCO and the ILO, however, have followed the pattern set by the UN General Assembly on the Chinese representation question.

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[REDACTED] The joint Soviet-Liberian communique and attendant notes, released in Moscow on 20 January, resulted from negotiations between Liberia and the Soviet delegation headed by

A. P. Volkov which visited Liberia in early January. They indicate that Liberia has been brought closer to an exchange of ambassadors than President Tubman reported to US ambassador Jones. The communique, however, recognized that the Liberian government must first obtain legislative authorization and necessary budgetary appropriations. At the time of the Soviet approach Tubman told Ambassador Jones that he would employ the excuse of budgetary considerations to block early establishment of relations with Moscow.

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